UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

IN RE: FRAGRANCE DIRECT PURCHASER ANTITRUST LITIGATION Civil Action No.: 23-2174 (WJM) (JSA)

ORDER

THIS MATTER having come before the Court on November 21, 2023, for oral argument on the motion filed by Plaintiffs Our Own Candle Company, Inc., Candle Shoppe of the Poconos, Inc., B&E Associates, Inc., Demeter F.L., Inc., and Hanna's Candle Company, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(g), for the appointment of Linda Nussbaum, Esq. of Nussbaum Law Group, P.C. ("Nussbaum Law Group"); Christopher Burke, Esq. of Korein Tillery, P.C. ("Korein Tillery"); and Hilary Scherrer, Esq. of Hausfeld LLP ("Hausfeld") as interim co-lead class counsel, and James E. Cecchi, Esq., of Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody & Agnello, P.C. ("Carella Byrne") as liaison counsel (collectively, the "Nussbaum Group") (Civ. A. No. 23-2174, ECF Nos. 32, 46, 48); and the opposition and cross-motion filed by Plaintiff Crimson Candle Supplies, LLC to appoint Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP and Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll, LLP as interim co-lead class counsel, and Calcagni & Kanefsky LLP as liaison counsel (collectively, the "Quinn Group") (Civ. A. No. 23-2174, ECF Nos. 44, 49, 51; Civ. A. No. 23-3875, ECF No. 3);

and the Court having considered all of the papers submitted in support of and in opposition to the motion and cross-motion;

and based on the parties' submissions and the arguments and representations of counsel;

and for the reasons set forth in the Opinion placed on the record during the November 21st hearing, which are incorporated herein at length;

and for good cause shown;

IT IS on this 21st day of November 2023,

ORDERED that the Nussbaum Group's motion to appoint interim co-lead class counsel and liaison counsel, (Civ. A. No. 23-2174, ECF No. 32), is **GRANTED**, and the Quinn Group's cross-motion to appoint interim co-lead class counsel and liaison counsel, (Civ. A. No. 23-2174, ECF No. 44; Civ. A. No. 23-3875, ECF No. 3), is **DENIED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Court appoints counsel pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(g)(3) as follows:

- Interim co-lead class counsel:
 - (1) Linda Nussbaum, Esq. of Nussbaum Law Group;
 - (2) Christopher Burke, Esq. of Korein Tillery; and
 - (3) Hilary Scherrer, Esq. of Hausfeld
- <u>Liaison counsel</u>: James E. Cecchi, Esq. of Carella Byrne; and it is further

ORDERED that interim co-lead class counsel, liaison counsel, and Defendants' counsel shall confer and, on or before November 29, 2023, submit a stipulation regarding the deadline by when Defendants must answer, move, or otherwise respond to the anticipated amended consolidated complaint; and it is further

ORDERED that Plaintiffs shall file their amended consolidated complaint on or before

December 21, 2023; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court is directed to terminate the motions appearing at

Civ. A. No. 23-2174, ECF Nos. 32 and 44, and Civ. A. No. 23-3875, ECF No. 3.

s/Jessica S. Allen HON. JESSICA S. ALLEN United States Magistrate Judge

cc: Hon. William J. Martini, U.S.D.J.